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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Shinichiroh IKEMASU et al.**

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE REGARDING DRAWINGS

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants received a Notice Regarding Drawings dated September 7, 2004. The Notice indicated that the "corrected drawings for the above-identified application, received in the USPTO on January 23, 2003 are still not acceptable."

Corrected drawings were not filed on January 23, 2003. The Notice appears to have confused an attachment to the January 23, 2003 Amendment as a corrected drawing. The attachment was not a corrected drawing, but a Figure from a counterpart Japanese specification and a handwritten Figure.

It should be noted that both the Patent Office communication dated June 25, 2004 and the Notice of Allowability dated January 27, 2004, indicated that the drawings filed on August 3, 2001, are accepted by the Examiner.

Accordingly, it is believed that the Notice Regarding Drawings dated September 7, 2004, was sent in error. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the notice are respectfully requested.

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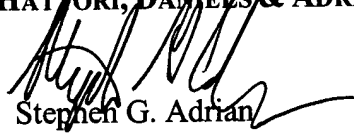
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